D.A. to Employees of HSCL

397. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government stopped giving D.A. as per increased D.A. to all workmen of Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL) for a period of 10 years with effect from January, 1999;

(b) if so, whether this has violated the Supreme Court Order; and

(c) whether Government are going to withdraw the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) to (c) A Financial Restructuring-cum-Financial Assistance Package has been approved for Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL) in the month of July, 1999 which, *inter alia*, includes freeze in D.A. till the company achieves cash profit and is able to make the payment of increase in D.A. from out of its cash profits.

Corruption Charges Against Officers of VSP

398. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint in regard to charges of corruption against senior Officers of VSP; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The number of employees on rolls of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant as on 31.01.2000 is as follows:—

Executives	:	3667
Non-Executives	:	13605
TOTAL :	:	17272

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.